

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 24 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 through 7 and 16 through 20, directed to non-elected inventive compositions and processes, have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of continuing applications thereon.

*Election of Group I*

The Office Action of August 21, 2007 requires Applicants to restrict to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1 through 7 and 16 through 20, drawn to a first set of sweetener compositions and process of using the sweeteners.

Group II: Claims 8 through 15 and 21 through 24, drawn to a second set of sweetener compositions and process of using the sweeteners.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, i.e. Claims 8 through 15 and 21 through 24 for prosecution within the above-referenced application.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have made a significant and important contribution to the art, which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the art. It is believed that all of pending Claims 8 through 15 and 21 through 24 are in condition for immediate allowance. It

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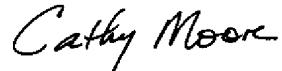
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is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned if any questions remain to expedite examination of this application.

It is not believed that fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, the fees are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2193.

Respectfully submitted,



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